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My Army Family

Commentary by Ingrid Murray
Family member

When I married my husband I was told that not only would I have "in laws" and "out laws," but I would also gain an ARMY family. I just smiled to myself and thought, "Not me. I won't be needing an Army family".

For awhile, I seemed to be doing just fine. In Alabama I was surrounded by "blood" family which were my support group.

Then we moved to Arizona. I still held on to the belief I still didn't need "that" Army family.

When we arrived, we were welcomed to the 11th Signal Brigade, the "Thunderbird" family.

Ever the good Army wife, I just smiled, all the while maintaining my original belief - I wouldn't need the Army family.

Ever so slowly, the family I steadfastly stated I wouldn't need proved me wrong.

After only being here a few months I was given a surprise baby shower by members of my new family. A living room full of Soldiers, spouses, and civilians of the 11th Signal Brigade filled Pam Sherod's cozy living room. I was speechless.

The afternoon was filled with laughter, games, and stories. Pictures were taken for me to send our family back home. With tears in my eyes, Sherod told me that the members of the 11th Signal Brigade wanted to celebrate the impending arrival of "another member of the Thunderbird family. UH-OH! There was that word, "family."

But actions of the "Thunderbird family" did not stop there.

After our son was born, my husband went to Iraq. Of course, a few days after he was gone, my cat decided to bring me a prize, a dead rabbit, and plopped it at the door.

Maybe it was my hormones, but I freaked out. I slammed the door and looked on the "list" my husband had left with important contact information. I was to call the sergeant major if I needed anything. I called in a tizzy and explained what was going on.

Even though it was lunch time he came right over and took care of the "prize" my cat had left at the back door.

As I was walking him to his car, I told him that I realized I made a mistake because I was to only call him for ARMY things, not family matters. He smiled and said, "this is an ARMY thing. An Army family thing. You are a member of the Thunderbird family and you needed help."

There was that family word again.

Then an appointment came up and I could not bring my son. I had to find someone to care for him, someone other than family. I had already rescheduled the appointment three times because I didn't want to leave him with

anyone. I called the battalion commander's wife and explained the situation, explaining I had no family here to care for my son.

She replied in a very matter-of-fact tone, "You've got a Thunderbird family. You just have to realize it."

She then got so excited that I asked her to help.

I began to write a detailed list of instructions, not taking into account that she is raising three wonderful children. The day arrived, and I had my son and "the list" for Janice. She welcomed me, and as I was holding out the list, she slowly put her hand on my back, pushed me to the door, said goodbye and told me everything would be OK.

Would it, I wondered?

When I returned, she smiled. My son, John Jr., had been asleep the whole time. I thanked her and tried to pay her. She shook her head "no" and said, "Maybe next time."

There have been a lot of next times, and she never has taken a

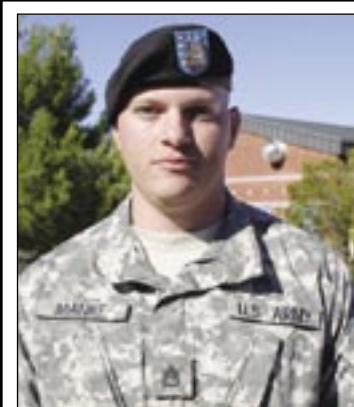
dime!

Then it happened. We went to the Network Enterprise Technology Command's Change of Responsibility ceremony last month. The 11th Signal Brigade Soldiers on the field were wearing the desert battle dress uniform. I had dressed my son, John Jr., in a "onesies" outfit that was desert camouflage that matched the Soldiers'. On the chest is an 11th Signal Brigade patch. A lady came up and told me how she loved his "uniform." I smiled, thanked her and replied, "Well, we are a part of the 11th Signal Brigade Thunderbird Family and, as my husband likes to say, 'All Thunderbirds fly together.'"

Then it hit me. I DID have another family-my ARMY family. Yes I have an Army family and I love all the Thunderbirds!

There is a saying that sums it all up, "Blood is thicker than water, but camouflage comes closer." AMEN!

Scout On The Street — What do you think about the new Army Combat Uniform?



Staff Sgt. Mark Manke
Company C, 86th Signal Battalion

"They are easier because you can wash them yourself and wear them."



Staff Sgt. Ray Polk
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
86th Signal Battalion

"I think the new ACU's are great because they are easy to care for."



Capt. Jared Snawder
Company C, 86th Signal Battalion

"I think it's great. It's a lot more comfortable than the BDU and easier to keep clean and maintain."



Sgt. 1st Class John Tooley
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
11th Military Intelligence Brigade

"It's more user-friendly. They are comfortable, but they are a little cold, though."

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Soldiers in need – Army Family can help

Scout Staff

A second fire affected another military family within the space of two months by claiming a second residence on Feb. 21.

Sergeants First Class Carlton and Heather Green and their five children 17 to 18 months, lost all their possessions in the fire. No one was injured. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

"The family lost everything, from dog leashes to furniture," said Capt. Jeff Chase, Company A commander, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion. Sgt. 1st Class Carlton Green recently reclassified into the intelligence analyst field with the battalion. His wife, Heather, is a counterintelligence agent and the noncommissioned officer in charge of a detachment of Company

C, 308th Military Intelligence Battalion, 902nd Military Intelligence Group here.

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Capt. Jeff Chase, Company A commander, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion

stated. "They need everything from diapers to furniture. We have set up a temporary storage area at Murr Recreation Center for the larger items."

The family remains in guest housing until

they can find a house to rent for a few months while repairs are made on their Sierra Vista home.

"Right now, the family is spending a lot of money out-of-pocket, and cash donations would be especially appreciated," Chase said. He explained that anyone not in either Soldier's rating chains who is donating in an unofficial capacity can legally make cash donations. Chase added that whatever a person chooses to donate would be a way of helping fellow Soldiers.

Those interested in helping the Green family are invited to call Lauren Chase at 515-0091 or Chaplain (Capt.) Carren Jones at 533-8894 to learn what the family currently needs or to arrange to deliver larger items to Murr Community Center.

Toner cartridge scam reemerges *scammers contact many organizations on installation*

By Wilma Rose

Chief, Directorate of Contracting Operations Branch

The Government Purchase Card office has once again become aware of a possible scam by some laser/ink jet and toner cartridge suppliers. The individuals behind this scam have contacted many organizations on the installation offering a deal that "sounds too good to be true."

Although in some cases the vendor may be honest, all buyers of office supplies should remain skeptical of any calls offering a "free" or "30-day free trial offer" on new or remanufactured cartridges. Telemarketers normally make these calls and recipients can usually hear other calls in the background. When questioned, the telemarketer already has your name, address and telephone number, but does not usually have information regarding your organization; i.e., whether the organization is a Government or commercial entity or whether or not the phone call recipient is a Soldier or civilian.

The experience at Fort Huachuca has been that once a person agrees to accept a "free" or "free 30-day trial" cartridge he or she is sent several cartridges. Once the

30 days is up, the recipient receives a bill for all cartridges shipped. When the recipient calls the company and explain that he or she did not order these cartridges, the company argues they can't take the cartridges back without the organization paying a restocking fee or because the recipient did not return the unused or defective cartridges within 30 days of receipt. Of course, they don't bill your organization until the 30 days is up and their records of the organization's receipt of the cartridge differs from when the organization actually received the cartridges.

They may then tell the person who ordered the cartridges that if payment is not received within five days, the account will be referred to legal collections for action and that failure to pay may affect a person's credit rating. This is a scare tactic used by some companies to coerce an individual into paying the bill rather than chance having their credit rating damaged. Note that social security numbers for cardholders and billing officials are not provided to the bank when setting up the GPC accounts. The master GSA contract expressly prohibits the bank from providing information

to credit bureaus/organizations. The financial relationship for a GPC account exists between the Government Agency and the card-issuing bank.

Some companies will let the recipient return the cartridges only after obtaining an authorization number. The recipient is given a phone number to call to obtain this authorization number. When they call the number, they normally end up in an automated system that asks the caller to leave a number because "all available customer service representatives are helping other clients and we will get back to you as soon as possible". Bottom line, no one ever calls back.

GPA office personnel have also found that the price of these "free" cartridges may also be two to four times higher than cartridges available through GSA contracts or local vendors because they claim they provide "jumbo" cartridges that contain more toner than "normal" cartridges. Tests on these cartridges show that they typically contain only as much or less toner than "normal" cartridges obtained from a reputable dealer.

In another twist, the companies change names

and pass along your GPC information from company to company. The name changes but the address or POC remain the same. GPA office personnel have found that most of the companies are located in the Los Angeles or Van Nuys, Calif. areas.

The Department of the Army has blanket purchase agreements in place with vendors specializing in toner/inkjet products. For more information about these vendors, visit the DoD EM-ALL website at www.emall.dla.mil/.

There really is no need for a cardholder to become a victim of one of these scams. Unless cardholders make the initial contact with the vendor, they should "just say no" to any telemarketer who offers to provide sample cartridges. If pressed, cardholders should explain that it is office policy not to accept samples.

If the company sends samples anyway, recipients are under no obligation to accept or pay for anything not ordered, according to the Federal Trade Commission. According to the FTC Business Alert bulletin, "Five Steps to Avoiding Office Supply Fraud," "unordered merchandise may be treated

as a gift and you don't have to return it. It is illegal for a seller to send you bills for merchandise that you didn't order." Those who are interested in obtaining a bulletin should contact Laurie Packard at 533-3223 or laurie.packard@hua.army.mil. Consumers who wish to obtain a copy of the bulletin may also visit the FTC alert consumer Web site at: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/alerts/suppalrt.htm>.

Those who have had a similar experience with cartridge suppliers should contact Packard at 533-3223 or laurie.packard@hua.army.mil.

Readers should note that in accordance with a number of executive orders related to Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention and Recycling, agencies are required to incorporate into their recycling program efforts to recycle, reuse and collect toner cartridges for remanufacturing and to maximize the number of recycled products purchases. Purchases of replacement toner cartridges should be of remanufactured cartridges rather than new ones. This practice has the added benefit of preventing used cartridges from ending up in the landfill.

Video "Jeopardy!" taped at Fort Huachuca

Story and photos by Esau Lolis
Scout Staff

Sarah Whitcomb and Jon Canon, of the "Jeopardy!" Clue Crew, along with their seven-member production team, visited Fort Huachuca Feb. 21 to videotape answers to "Jeopardy!" game show questions set to air from March through June.

This is the first time Fort Huachuca will appear as videotaped clues on "Jeopardy!"

The Clue Crew ended their tour of Arizona at Fort Huachuca after visiting other cities including Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tucson, Ariz. In all, the Los Angeles-based Clue Crew recorded nearly 50 clues throughout Arizona.

"We tape 10 to 20 clues from any given location," Canon said. "The number of clues taped depends on the number of Clue Crew members present." Canon and Whitcomb videotaped 12 clues at Rugge-Hamilton AirField.

Soldiers from Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion stood in as props while the two on-air talents recorded several "Jeopardy!" promotions.

"I'm glad to be on the show," said Spc. Danisha Cook. The Soldiers said they had no idea they were going to be included in the taping of "Jeopardy!" but it was a pleasant surprise. "We thought we were taking photos," Cook said speaking for the 10 Soldiers present.

The scenes the production crew taped as answers to clues on the game show were not revealed so not to give future contestants on the show a potential advantage.

Whitcomb said there are no specific dates as to when the clues taped here will air.

"We don't have a specific air date," she said. "Clues get scattered throughout an entire season." Some nights you may see an entire category that was shot at a specific location, and other times it just may be one clue in one category," Whitcomb added. "There's a lot of pre-work put in before we get here," Whitcomb explained about

the behind-the-scenes preparation that goes into developing "Jeopardy!" clues answers before any site visits and recordings are made.

"There are about nine writers and six researchers, and each clue has to be cross-referenced three times. So once the clue is written,

ing part of the Clue Crew," Whitcomb continued.

"Through this job, we are able to find out the most neat and exciting facts about a given location and are able to share them with millions of people who watch "Jeopardy!"

It's quite an honor," she said.

"We get to learn right along with our viewers."

"I've been with the Clue Crew for five years and over my stay I have traveled to 19 countries, 41 different states and more than 160 different cities," Whitcomb said.

Whitcomb said she also enjoys video taping "Jeopardy!" clues with the military.

"I've had a few military exciting adventures," she happily boasted.

"I flew with the Navy Blue Angels and parachuted with the Army Golden Knights. I've been on a nuclear submarine in Washington, on camel back in Egypt and took a helicopter ride over Hawaii. It's pretty amazing to do all the things I've had the chance to do."

Canon, whose parents were in the Army, also said he enjoys working with the Army. He talked about a trip to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

"It was gorgeous, it was beautiful," he remarked. "A few plebes came in and agreed to tape a clue with us." Canon said the experience was great and that he has a lot of respect for servicemembers.

Whitcomb laughed as she recounted the her appearance in the airing of a video clue.

"One time I did a clue in the 'stu-

pid answers' category and the clue was about this man who invented the Ferris wheel and the contestant answered 'Who is my grandfather so-and-so Ferris?' It was actually the contestant's grandfather!," Whitcomb exclaimed. "That's the small world we live in," she said, continuing to laugh.

"Jeopardy!" got its start in 1964 and ran for 10 years. The former NBC-affiliated show was cancelled in 1974 and came back as a syndicated game show in 1984. The show was later sold to current owner, Sony Studios.

Whitcomb enjoys working with "Jeopardy!" host, Alex Trebek.

"Trebek has been on air for 22 years along with announcer Johnny Gilbert," she said. "He's been really receptive of us every since the beginning. He is a really intelligent man and allows the show to evolve."

"Trebek comes in every morning around 7:30. He'll look over all the games for that day and sit down with the writers to look into the clues and check pronunciation," she said, explaining the game show host's daily routine. "He wants to make sure he's comfortable with the material."

After their one-day production, the Clue Crew left Fort Huachuca with little time to prepare for their next venture.

"We've all got a big trip to New York coming up soon," Canon said. "From here we go back to L. A. for a day and then hop a plane and we're in New York."



"Jeopardy!" Clue Crew cameraman, Clay Jacobson, directs Soldiers of Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion during the recording of pre-show footage while others observe the production.

the researchers have to find three different sources to validate that clue.

"There is also a checks-and-balance system where researchers can go back and ensure no clue is ever repeated exactly," Whitcomb said.

According to Whitcomb, the researchers have researched and written more than 300,000 clues since 2001.

"The Clues Crew has been in existence for five years," Canon said. "We get to take the viewers ... with us," he said about why the Clue Crew travels the world and tapes video clues.

"When we can, we like to include as much information as we can from individuals, objects and the scenery. That way, the audience back home has a more authentic sense of where we are," Canon added.

Whitcomb, a native of Mesa, Ariz., said the Clue Crew venture in Arizona was a trip home for her. "I was able to help with some of the brainstorming sessions and questions," she said. "I was able to help tap into some of the great variety of things we have here in the state."

"That's the great thing about be-



"Jeopardy!" Clue Crew's on-air talent and Arizona native, Sarah Whitcomb, stands alongside Staff Sgt. James Cook of Company D 309th Military Intelligence Battalion while filming upcoming video clues set to air sometime between March and June. Several Soldiers from Company D 309th MI stood in as props for several pre-show recordings.

Cyber scam targets military

Hits servicemembers with irresistible offers

Scout Reports

Soldiers know that education equals money in the service. Taking the initiative to improve your skills through higher education is very highly regarded, and servicemembers are offered tuition assistance to continue their education. Those who go the extra mile and attend a nationally accredited college, can turn their transcripts into promotion points – a great perk for continuing their education.

One cyber-scam has caught on to the military's educational value ethic and they're hitting service members hard with irresistible offers to get

promotion points the easy way.

"No studies, no attendance, no waiting, no examination, no hefty fee - get an accredited degree." This is the message web surfers see when browsing to AffordableDegrees.com, an online service that grants degrees in exchange for a fee - without forcing students to endure the annoyance of having to go take a class. The site's slogan even asks, "Does this sound like you: You have more experience yet your colleague gets promoted?"

Dubbed "diploma mills", these online shysters claim, "You can now buy fully accredited uni-

versity degrees without studying books, taking exams or paying huge fees."

One pseudo-university from this web source claims to have people earning their degrees in just five days. As unbelievable as it may seem, some Soldiers have been taken in by this scam.

Diploma mills have become such a problem on the internet that operation of unapproved schools is currently being investigated by the U.S. Senate and other legislative entities. CBS reported on the problem last May, indicating that some students have been duped, working hard on classes and thinking

their degrees were legitimate.

"One Arizona Army National Guard lieutenant found this out the hard way," said Sharon Lewis of the Fort Huachuca Education Center. "He thought his internet degree was legitimate only to find out he would have to return to an accredited college to earn his diploma."

Don't be fooled or think you can fool the Army with these diploma mills. Military personnel offices, civilian personnel offices and education centers are scrupulously checking to verify transcripts and degrees claimed on resumes submitted for positions

with accredited education credential verification technology. Those with doubts should contact the Education Center at 533-3010 or follow the tips listed below.

- Take classes on base at an approved school.
- Go to a regular college campus.
- The State of Oregon posts a good list of diploma mills, unaccredited colleges and "substandard" institutions at www.osac.state.or.us/oda/unaccredited.html. The list currently includes 312 schools in this category.
- Check the Council for Higher Education Accreditation database of accreditation status at www.chea.org/institutions.



Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin Saunders, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca (far left) and Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast (center) present Sgt. 1st. Class Todd Nelson (left) and Sgt. 1st. Class Joseph Bertuca, of Intelligence Electronic Warfare Maintenance, a plaque recognizing their unit's merit as runner-up in the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence competition.

IEW Maintenance runners up for AAME

Story and photo by Rob Martinez

Scout Staff

Intelligence Electronic Warfare Maintenance, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, placed as runner-up for the U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Army Award for Maintenance Excellence. It was the first time the unit had ever entered the competition.

In addition, IEW is one of the two units from TRADOC chosen to compete in the Army-wide competition for the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award. This program allows the Army's best units to be recognized at the Department of Defense level. There are four units competing. Two of them, including IEW are from TRADOC.

According to Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Bertuca, IEW, the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence is an annual awards program. At the end of the fiscal year, any Army unit can submit an application to be evaluated for best maintenance unit. Almost every branch of service has its own competition. Bertuca prepared the packet containing information and reports about the five areas evaluated. "All I did was write a book. The Soldiers did all the work," he said.

Sgt. 1st. Class Todd Nelson arrived at the IEW motor pool in 2004. Judging what he observed, he concluded that the unit had an excellent chance of winning the award. It was too late to submit a packet, but he began preparing the shop for 2005.

"The entire emphasis of this," he said, "is to bring recognition to those members of the unit that don't usually get mentioned."

Reservists, enlistees may get deferral of back taxes

Scout Reports

Reservists called to active duty and enlistees in the armed forces may qualify for a deferral of taxes owed if they can show that their ability to pay taxes was affected by their military service, according to the Internal Revenue Service. The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act provides this benefit.

The act covers active duty members of the military services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard — and commissioned officers of the uniformed services — Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Reservists must be placed on active duty to qualify. National Guard personnel not serving in a “federalized” status — that is, called to active duty specifically by the president of the United States — are not covered.

The deferral applies to taxes that fall due before or during military service, and extends the payment deadline to six months (180 days) after the military

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service ends. No interest or penalty accrues during the deferral period.

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how the military service affected the taxpayer's ability to pay. A taxpayer must also have received a notice of tax due, or have an installment agreement with the IRS, before applying for the deferral.

The deferral does not extend the deadline for filing any tax returns. However, taxpayers in the armed forces may get extra time to file under other provisions, such as being stationed overseas, in a combat zone or in a qualified hazardous duty area, or if they are serving in direct support of a combat zone.

Details of applying for the tax payment deferral are in IRS Publication 3, “Armed Forces’ Tax Guide.” Download it or order it by calling toll free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Additional information on tax issues affecting the military can be found at <http://www.irs.gov> on the “Individu-



Army's top enlisted man visits Fort

Story and Photo by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

Sgt. Major of the Army Kenneth Preston paid a whirlwind two-day visit to Fort Huachuca on the evening of Feb. 23 and most of Friday meeting with Soldiers and addressing their issues and concerns.

The visit began with a meeting with senior leaders on the evening of Feb. 23.

Friday morning the Army's top enlisted man participated in physical training with the cadre and students of Company D, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Following briefings at Kelly Operations center, Preston toured classrooms in Ice Hall at the Military Intelligence Noncommissioned Officers Academy and spoke with Soldiers about 2006 and 2007 being challenging years for the Army in what he calls "The Perfect Storm," an analogy associated with the movie starring George Clooney.

"We're being hit by a lot of different things. The war in Iraq and Afghanistan is going to continue on and that part of the storm is going to remain the same," Preston said. "We've got the modular conversion of our Army right now."

Preston explained there are about 120,000 active, guard and reserve Soldiers the Army is transitioning out of what he calls the high-density, low-demand career fields and growing more of the low-density, high-demand units.

"We are also growing the size of the active-duty force by 30,000 and that's something we started two years back. We will continue to grow the force until we get to 512,400. Our goal is to get there by 2009," he added.

Preston said what makes the "The Perfect Storm" is as we get into 2006 and 2007 there are some additional things the Army did not have to deal with up until this point like the IGPBS, the Inter-Global Post-

ing Basing Strategy. The new plan moves many Army units from overseas back to the Continental United States.

"It started a little bit this past year with 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, when we deployed them from Korea to Iraq," said Preston. "We didn't take them back to Korea, we brought them to Fort Carson, Colo.

When you bring a brigade combat team into Fort Carson, that's an increase of about 4,000 Soldiers, so it has an impact on the installation."

The other thing that will start this year is Base Realignment and Closure, which has been signed into law.

"For those installations that are going to close, you've got units and organizations that now have to move," he said. "We've got two years to begin movement and, of course, six years to complete it. That's also going to hit us, so when we talk about "The Perfect Storm," that's all those factors now coming into play together."

The native of Mount Savage, Md., then traveled to classrooms near Eifler Physical Fitness Center and met with Soldiers undergoing MI training.

He took questions from the students and addressed issues such as the wear of the new Army Combat Uniform and personnel matters.

One Soldier commented that he didn't care for the Velcro on the ACU and the noise it made. Preston said that he hears that comment every once in a while.

He told Soldiers the pockets have draw strings designed to have the pocket flap down, and the draw string cinched.

If a Soldier needs to retrieve grenades or magazines of ammunition in the pocket, they can then do so without making noise.

At Eifler Physical Fitness Center, Preston was the featured speaker at Noncommissioned Officers and Officers Development Program course training.

Preston took the microphone and addressed the audience on issues important to him, and then took questions from the audience including one from a Soldier asking about the length of tours in combat zones.

"The Army historically has done a magnificent job of working itself out of a job when we go out there and do missions," said Preston.

"It's really once we begin to drive down the number of units in theater, then we can start looking at maybe reducing tour lengths."

He went on to say that tour lengths are also based on the recommendations of the combatant commanders and their recommendation right now is to stay with the one-year deployments.

Another Soldier asked the Sergeant Major of the Army about the Army's Military to Civilian conversion program.

"Where we can convert a Soldier position into a Department of the Army civilian or contractor position that is what we are going to do," Preston said.

"We need to get Soldiers out of those garrison positions that really do not need Soldiers. It goes back to where it makes sense."

In closing, Preston told the audience that their contribution to America's Army, the Global War on Terrorism and what the Army is doing all over the world is very much appreciated.

The 13th Sergeant Major of the Army then had lunch, at Yardley Dining Facility with Soldiers who are members of the elite Sgt. Audie Murphy Club.

"I see that the Soldiers are highly motivated, they are very proud of the career field that they are doing right now and they are very proud of their service to the nation," Preston said.

Range Closures

Contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Service holds financial readiness classes on a monthly basis.

Checkbook management is 9 - 11:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of the month at the ACS Building 50010; budget planning class, 9 - 11:30 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the ACS Building 50010; and financial readiness training, 1 - 5 p.m., the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month, at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

Register by calling ACS, 533-2330, or for more information, call Leigh Henderson at 533-2437.

Enlistment referral bonus program

Soldiers who refer someone with no prior military experience through the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team system may be eligible to receive a referral bonus up to a \$1,000.

The referring Soldier must establish an account via the SMART web site and submit the referral through <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart>. They may also call the USAREC 800 line (1-800-223-3735, extension 6-0473) to register.

For more information about eligibility and program details call the telephone number listed above or visit the SMART Web page.

Family child care training

The Fort Huachuca Family Child Care program is looking for individuals who want to earn an income, raise their children at home and make a difference in another child's life. The next training begins on March 6. The deadline to sign up is March 3. For more information on how to become an FCC Provider, call 533-2498.

Reminder: Fort Huachuca housing residents may only provide child care in their quarters after gaining approval from the garrison commander and the commander's agent, the Fort Huachuca Family Child Care office.

Buffalo Soldier Trail repairs underway

The southeast-bound lanes of Buffalo Soldier Trail are reduced to one lane of traffic between Seventh Street and St. Andrews Drive through March 10. Road repairs will be underway to address pavement rutting and cracking. Those who regularly travel this section of BST should use an alternate route until construction is complete. Drivers who travel on BST should use caution and obey all traffic control officers and signage.

For more information, contact Angela Dixon Maher at the Sierra Vista Public Works Department at 458-5775.

Korea orientation slated

Army Community Service is offering a Korea orientation, at 6 p.m., March 9; and 6 p.m., March 20, at the ACS Building 50010, for Soldiers and family members going to

Korea for the first time.

The class is free, but those planning to attend should pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Relocation Workshops offered

Army Community Service is offering a workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move at the following times and dates: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., March 15; and 1:30 p.m., March 28. The workshops, which will discuss expectations, entitlements and budgeting for the move, will be held at the ACS Building 50010.

Register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Families in Waiting Support Group

The Families in Waiting Support Group meeting will be held at 6 p.m., March 16 at the New Beginnings Child Development Center, Building 48101.

This group offers support for families of services members who are deployed or on a hardship tour. Free child care is available with advanced registration.

Register by calling Army Community Service at 533-2330 or e-mailing pamela.j.allen@hua.army.mil.

"Smooth Move for Kids" workshop set

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 1 p.m., March 9; 11:45 a.m., March 13; 6 p.m., March 22; and 9 a.m., March 31 at

the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop is designed to help ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free; pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Waterwise workshop

Join arborist Mike Fleming on Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the Arizona Folklore Preserve, Ramsey Canyon Road, Sierra Vista.

Learn to prune landscape plants for health and fire safety. Keep plants healthy and property fire-safe by knowing how and what to prune correctly. Fleming will demonstrate techniques and share tips developed during his 36 years of experience.

Dress appropriately for outdoor activity.

For information call the Arizona Cooperative Extension at 458-8278.

11th Signal Brigade COR

Command Sgt. Maj. John Murray, 11th Signal Brigade, will relinquish his duties to Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Manley at 10 a.m. March 10 during a change-of-responsibility ceremony on the Thunderbird Parade Field here.

Members of the 11th Signal Brigade are encouraged to attend. The public is invited.

"All of the Thunderbirds will miss you," said 1st Lt. Andrea-Bernadette Pratt, Public Affairs officer, who, on behalf of the brigade, also wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

Chaplain's Corner

Tomorrow is in God's hands

By Chaplain (Col.) James Norton

Installation Religious Support Coordinator

Why put off until tomorrow what I can worry about today? Sad to say, that's the attitude many people display. Perhaps you are among them. It's easy to fret and worry about something that hasn't happened yet, isn't it? Sometimes we worry that something won't happen—we won't get that raise, that promotion, that assignment done. Other times, we worry that something will happen—our health will deteriorate, injury or death in combat, a family crisis.

Many people do fear for the future, which is always uncertain. Jesus concluded His sermon on the mount in the Gospel of Matthew by saying: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Isn't that the truth? Let's leave tomorrow's problems for tomorrow.

Except for one. Our sins have been taken care of for all time. The season of Lent, 40 days before Easter, is a time for the Christian Church to remember how God has taken care of the sins of all.

Lent is the story of our Savior Jesus, the promised Messiah, sent by the Father into the world of man to fix man's greatest problem, sin, which is rebellion against God. The Bible says that all have sinned and that the wages of sin is death. Just by being born, we are all under the category of condemned sinners.

But we need not worry about sin if

we believe that Jesus took it away at the cross. Remembering the cross during Lent gives us comfort. The season of Lent then ends with Holy Week, the passion of Christ. Many of you have probably seen the movie of Mel Gibson by that same title. The Bible says that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

The debt we owe for sin is paid in full. The risen Lord proves the defeat of sin and death. Think about it—if God will go to such pain and agony to take care of sin for the whole world, will he not also answer our daily prayers and concerns for the little things in our lives? God has cared for us through the Savior on the cross and we can, with confidence, place all our tomorrows in His hands.

PWOC "Worshipful Gathering" slated

The Fort Huachuca Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all ladies from post and the surrounding community to attend a "Worshipful Gathering" Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

The PWOC will welcome Victoria Robinson, president of PWOC Europe.

Child sitting is available for children 6 months to 5 years by reservation. Mothers should bring a lunch for their children and a sack lunch for themselves. Lunch will be spent in fellowship in the courtyard.

For more information or for childcare reservations, contact Lisa Chestnut at 249-7683.

Fort Huachuca Lent/Holy Week Services 2006

For Information, call 533-4748

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

April 16, 6 a.m. Reservoir Hill (Large Parking Lot)

Services	Day	Time	Location
Lent			
Catholic Services			
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent	5:30 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
“Poor Man’s Meal”	Fridays in Lent	6 p.m.	MPC Activity Room
Lent Penance Service	27-Mar	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Hunger Banquet for Youth	26-Mar	5 p.m.	MPC Activity Room
Holy Week			
Catholic Services			
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	8-Apr	5 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Palm Sunday Mass	9-Apr	9:15 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Palm Sunday Mass	9-Apr	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Holy Thursday Mass	13-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Good Friday - Passion Service	14-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Holy Saturday Mass (Easter Vigil)	15-Apr	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	16-Apr	9:15 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass	16-Apr	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Protestant Services			
Palm Sunday	9-Apr	Regular Services and Chapels	
Living Last Supper	12-Apr	7p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Maundy Thursday (Episcopal)	13-Apr	6 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament (MPC)
Good Friday	14-Apr	7p.m.	Prosser Village Chapel
Good Friday (Episcopal Liturgy)		6 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Easter Service	16-Apr	Regular Services and Chapels	
Jewish Services			
Passover	12-Apr	6 p.m.	MPC Activity Room

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post
9:20 a.m.	Gospel	Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective	Main Post
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA	Prosser Village

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
Saturday	4 p.m.	Main Post
Confession		
Saturday	5 p.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Mass		

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post
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Catholic

Main Post Chapel

CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Adult	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Apologetics		
Adoration of the	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.
Sacrament Blessed		
Korean OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.

Protestant

Main Post Chapel

PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
<u>Kino Chapel</u>		
Women's Ministry	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship		
Adult/Youth	Sunday	8 a.m.
Sunday School		
Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday	

Men's Choir	Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Women's Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Adult Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Thursday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Youth Ushers	Saturday	10 a.m.
Youth Choir	3rd Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Youth Emphasis	4th Saturday	
Saturdays		
Drama Team	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Youth Min. Staff	Saturday	10 a.m.
& Parents Meeting		
Youth Choir	Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Murr Community Center

Teens and	Sunday	9:20 a.m.
Pre-teens Study		
Parish Council	1st Sunday after service	
Meetings		

Women's Ministry	2nd Sunday	
Meetings		
Youth Ministry	3rd Sunday	
Meetings		
Adult Usher	4th Sunday after service	
Meetings		
Men's Ministry	Saturday	8 a.m.
Bible Study		
Women's Choir	5th Saturday	11 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Muslim Prayer

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday	10 a.m.	Main Post
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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African-American/Black History Month ends

Story and photo by Esau Lolis

Scout Staff



Soldiers browse through a Tuskegee Airman display, Feb. 22, at Cochise Theater.

Fort Huachuca celebrated African-American/Black History Month Feb. 22 at the Cochise Theater. The theme "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions."

Black organizations including the NAACP, Masons, Southwest Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. presented the audience with information on their institutions in tribute.

The program also featured poems, song and dance.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Lt. Col. Angelia Farnell gave closing remarks saying, "This country and our military have come a long way in the matter of race relations. There have been many changes and improvements in this area. Yet, we still have a ways to go."

"I look forward to the day when a person's race is not brought up as a factor when they achieve a significant milestone or accomplishment. "Why do we use terms like 'the first African-American woman' or 'the first Native American woman.'"

"Why not just says the individual's name, their significant achievement/contribution and that they are American?"

"It is far time that we stop singling out races/ethnic groups and focus on educating the American people to include our military on the significant contributions/achievements of outstanding Americans regardless of their race or ethnic background."

The program ended with a tribute to Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Dr. Gonzales joins RWBAHC staff

By Selina Jeanise
RWBAHC PAO

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center welcomes a new family practitioner, Dr. Miguel Gonzalez.

Gonzalez attended medical school at Albert Einstein Medical College in the Bronx and completed his residency at Brookdale Hospital in 1979. After several years with the National Health Service Corps, he went into private practice in Bethlehem, Pa., from 1983 until 2005.

Gonzalez says he enjoys medicine and the opportunity it gives him to be of service to others. He adds that he has a much greater

appreciation and respect for our Soldiers and their families since he began seeing patients here last October.

Gonzalez is now seeing patients at the Family Care Clinic.

Weekend and Holiday Clinic

The Weekend Holiday Access Clinic hours have changed. The hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends and Federal holidays. The WHAC is designed to serve Active Duty and family members for acute minor illness and injuries only.

Fort Huachuca Technology Exposition



Photo by Gordon Van Vleet, NETCOM PAO

Staff Sgt. Phil MacCluskey, Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin, talks with Matt Nelson, Account Manager, NEC Display Solutions of America, Inc., during the Fort Huachuca Technology Exposition, held at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center Tuesday.

The exposition had 51 exhibitors displaying their products to the more than 300 people who attended the event.



Air Force heavy-lifters t

Story and Photos by
Thom Williams
Scout Staff

The 139th Airlift Wing, an Air National Guard unit from St. Joseph, Mo., runs the only Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center in the world, with much of the flying portion of the training taking place at Libby Army Airfield on Fort Huachuca.

The Missouri Air Guard unit, headquartered at Rosecrans Memorial Airport, uses an 8,000-square-foot facility, nicknamed "The Ranch", at the west end of the runway, to conduct the training for air crews from around the globe.

If you happen to see a military cargo aircraft in the skies of Cochise County, there is a good chance the plane is participating in a course run by the AATTC.

During a recent class, two C-130 Hercules aircraft took off from Libby Army Airfield and headed east towards San Simon, Ariz. to practice tactical formation maneuvering and low-altitude tactics designed to counter ground-based and airborne defenses.

The aircraft then split-up into single-ship units and performed low altitude tactical maneuvering in the mountains of eastern Cochise County near the New Mexico border.

The aircraft then returned to Fort Huachuca and practiced dirt landings at Hubbard Landing Zone on the east range.

"We do give the crews a lot of stresses," said Lt. Col. Kurt Westfall, director of Operations, Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center. "We make them plan their mission in a compressed amount of time and then they walk out the door and go fly it."

"I think it enhances their training quite a bit to put a little extra stress on them. Then they have a tremendous sense of accomplishment when they get back and they've done everything the right way," he added.

The mission of the AATTC is to increase the war fighting effectiveness and survivability of Air Force mobility forces.

The airmen who make up the 139th Airlift Wing, Missouri Air National Guard are unusual because they come from both the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve making it a "blended" unit.

The school provides academic and flying instruction in low level awareness, low level navigation, advanced airlift tactics and crew resource management.

The classroom instruction takes place in Missouri and teaches air crews basic principles for operating aircraft in a hostile environment.

"What we try to do is give them a weeks worth of combat experience before they go into a combat theater," said Westfall an instructor and former F-16 pilot.

"Most of the crews as soon as they graduate from our training course go to Southwest Asia and they are in Afghanistan or Iraq."

The flying portion of the course is divided into an Eastern and Western phase. During the Eastern phase, air crews conduct two low-level tactical missions, where the crews are scheduled to airdrop one Heavy Equipment load and one High Velocity Container Delivery System bundle.

Students then make the four-hour flight from the Midwest to Arizona on Wednesdays and fly their first Low Level Awareness Training sortie to get familiar with the area.

"We started to come out to Southern Arizona because of the different areas of the world where mountains are going to be a factor," Westfall added.

"This is probably the best



Maj. Stephanie Williams, landing zone officer, looks for incoming aircraft. Williams assesses conditions at the dirt strip and ensures the AATTC training is carried out in safe conditions.



Capt. Derrick Hallaway, 182nd Air Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, Peoria, Ill., performs a preflight check of his C-130 Hercules aircraft before departing Libby Army Airfield on an AATTC mission.

place in the world we could go to get our training. It's fantastic and we love the community down here too. They really embrace us we really appreciate that a lot."

During the 11-day, Day-



Train on Fort

ight Course, the cadre focuses instruction on nighttime operations because it's much harder to fly at night in a combat environment.

"What we focus on is the hazards of flying in mountainous terrain at night such as you'll have in Afghanistan and places like that," Westfall said.

During their stay in Arizona, aircrews face a variety of challenging missions to include: Low Level Navigation Training; Hostile Environment Training; and a Dissimilar Defensive Maneuvering sortie.

DDM sortie challenges the air crews with a variety of threats as they face simulated anti-aircraft artillery fire, surface-to-air missiles and an actual fighter jet. In addition to those challenges, the crews must communicate with a command aircraft, hit a drop zone, and make an assault landing at 3,800-foot Hubbard Assault Strip on Fort Huachuca's East Range.

The crews' reactions to the threats and challenges used by the course are taped and used during a debriefing. "We've had people that have written or called us and said this certain tactic we learned at AATTC in Arizona and Missouri is something that we used out here and it saved

us," Westfall said. "When we find out that we are saving lives, that give us a tremendous sense of job satisfaction."

According to the AATTC Web site, the school trains U. S. Marine Corps and Special Operations Forces aircrews along with active-duty and Air Force Reserve crews.

The AATTC also has trained C-130 aircrews from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Great Britain, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal and Sweden, as well as C-160 crews from Germany and G-222 crews from Italy.

Air crews that serve on the U.S. C-17 Globemaster III also go through the training.

During the most recent class, an exchange officer from the Royal Australian Air Force served as aircraft commander for a C-130 Hercules Aircraft from Pope Air Force Base, N.C..

Other air crews participating were from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. and an Air National Guard aircraft from Peoria, Ill.

The AATTC officially began operations at Rosecrans Air National Guard base on Feb. 4, 1984.

The AATTC has

utilized LAAF at Fort Huachuca since mid-1980's for the Western phase of its training.

Air crews and cadre were billeted in "Splinter Village" a WW II-era hospital near the main gate that was razed or burned down.

After a day of training, the airmen relaxing at their temporary quarters nicknamed Fort Huachuca, "The Ranch".

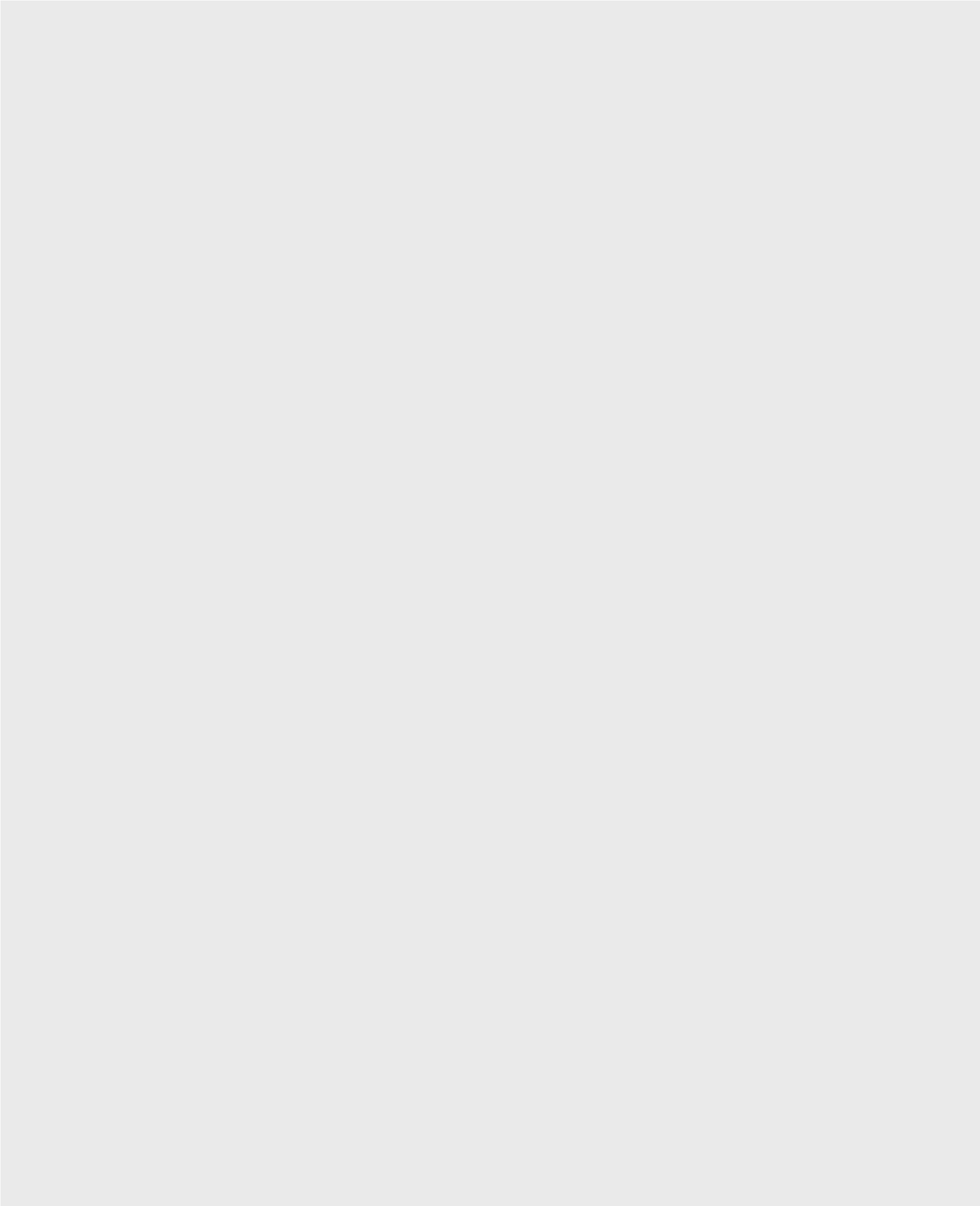
Other courses the AATTC conducts on Fort Huachuca include a Night Vision Goggle course and the C-130 Intelligence Formal Training Unit course.



Engine 31 from the Fort Huachuca Fire Department remains on standby at Hubbard Landing Zone on the East Range. When the 3,800-foot dirt assault strip is in use, Post fire rescue stands ready to respond to emergencies.



A C-130 Hercules from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and an Air National Guard aircraft from Peoria, Ill. prepare for take-off at Libby Army Airfield as a helicopter belonging to U.S. Customs and Border Protection makes a landing.





Service News



Ultimate Sacrifice paid in support of GWOT

Lance Cpl. Adam J. Vanalstine, 21, of Superior, Wis., died Saturday from an improvised explosive device in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

The Department of Defense announced the death of four soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They died in Al Hawijah, Iraq, on Feb. 22, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during patrol operations. All four soldiers were assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Killed were:

Staff Sgt. Gregson G. Gourley, 38, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sgt. Rickey E. Jones, 21, of Kokomo, Ind. Pfc. Christopher L. Marion, 20, of Pineville, Mo.

Pfc. Allan A. Morr, 21, of Shiawassee County, Mich.

2nd Lt. Almar L. Fitzgerald, 23, of Lexington, S.C., died Feb. 21 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany from wounds received Feb. 18 as a result of an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Staff Sgt. Jay T. Collado, 31, of Columbia, S.C., died Feb. 20 from an improvised explosive device near Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-267, Marine Aircraft Group-39, 3rd Marine Aircraft

Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was attached to the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division.

Daniel J. Kuhlmeier, 30, of Omaha, Neb., died Feb. 20 in Baghdad, Iraq when the convoy he was traveling in was struck by an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to Detachment 204, 2nd Field Investigations Region, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Sgt. Jessie Davila, 29, of Greensburg, Kan., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Feb. 20, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Davila was assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry, Lawrence, Kan.

Sgt. Charles E. Matheny, IV, 23 of Stanwood, Wash., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Feb. 18, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Matheny was assigned to the Army's 704th Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Blood Drive



Photo by Thom Williams

Spc. Elizabeth Buechele, Robertson Blood Center, Fort Hood, Texas, prepares to draw blood from the arm of Staff Sgt. Heather Smith, Military Intelligence Noncommissioned Officers Academy, during the Post blood drive Feb. 22 at Barnes Field House. According to the Armed Services Blood Program Web site, in addition to providing blood to those in need in combat situations, the program also supports the peacetime requirements of military personnel and their families. The Fort's next blood drive is scheduled to take place from 2 to 8 p.m. on March 28-29 at Eifler Physical Fitness Center.



Photo by Grant Nulle

American History Essay Contest winners

Seventh-grader Natalie McAllister receives a gift certificate from Sgt. 1st Class Suzanne Sueing, Military Equal Opportunity Office, for winning first place in the African-American History Essay Contest at Smith Middle School. More than 100 students submitted essays of 250 to 500 words about African-Americans who contributed to the betterment of America. Other winners include: Tasha Saffo, first place in the eighth-grade category; Alex Wilcox, second place, seventh-grade category and Sabrena Jackson, second place, eighth-grade category.

Sign up now for TM 5K/10K runs

It's time to register for the Thunder Mountain 5K/10K Event, to be held at 7 a.m., March 25.

The 5K and 10K runs are open to everyone with access to Fort Huachuca. Participants may compete in one of several categories or age groups.

Entry fees for the 5K run are: active duty military, with souvenir t-shirt, \$15; active duty military, without shirt, \$7; civilian, with shirt, \$17; and civilian, without shirt, \$9.

Entry fees for the 10K run are: active duty military, with shirt, \$18; active duty military,

without shirt, \$11; civilian, with shirt, \$25; and civilian, without shirt, \$15.

The 10K and 5K competitive runs will both begin and end at Barnes Field House. Final deadline to sign up is close of business March 24.

Entry forms for the event are available at Barnes Field House, Eifler Physical Fitness Center, or on the internet at <http://active.com/>.

For more information, contact race director Tom Lumley at 533-5031 or e-mail thomas.lumley@hua.army.mil.



New hours at Time Out

Effective immediately, Time Out will be open 9 p.m. - 2 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call 533-3876.

March Specials at Jeannie's Diner

During March, the burger-of-the-month special at Jeannie's Diner is the "Tasha Burger," made with guacamole and bacon.

The diner also offers a different lunch special daily, Monday - Friday. A 16-ounce, non-alcoholic beverage is included with these specials.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the lunch special for March 17 will be corned beef and cabbage.

Call 533-5759 to place an order for takeout.

Register for Little League Baseball

Registration for the Fort Huachuca Little League Baseball Program, for youth 5-14, is in progress and will continue through March 15, at the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center.

Cost is \$40 for one child and \$32 for each additional child. For more information, call Youth Sports at 533-3205 or the CER Office at 533-8168.

Adult lifeguard class starts March 11

The Sports and Fitness branch of MWR will offer a lifeguard class for those 15 and older, March 11 - 19 at Barnes Indoor Pool. The class is open to the public, and registration takes place now through the first day of class.

Cost of the class is \$150. Students who successfully complete the class will receive lifeguard, oxygen administration and automated external defibrillator certification, first aid and CPR for the professional rescuer.

For more information or to register, call Ron Ellsworth at 533-3858.

Sign up for 4-H babysitter training

Child and Youth Services will offer 4-H Babysitter Training for youth 12 - 17, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., March 11.

Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. The book for the class and a snack will be provided. Cost is \$5 to be paid the day of the class. 16 spaces are available. For more information, call Pam Verble at 533-7631.

Special trail rides at Buffalo Corral

March 13, 14, 16 and 17, Buffalo Corral Horseback Riding Stables will offer special, one-hour "Spring Break Trail Rides" for everyone. Call for specific times and information.

The corral is open to the public 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday - Sunday.

For more information, call 533-5220.

Photography class starts March 16

A basic black-and-white photography class will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m., March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 at the MWR Arts Center. Cost of this class is \$50, which is due at time of registration.

The Arts Center regularly offers a wide variety of classes including the "Little Hands" arts and crafts program for children 5 - 12, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays. Cost of this program is \$6 per class or \$10 for two classes.

"Kids' Thursday" crafts classes, for ages 3 - 10 are held 3 - 5 p.m., Thursdays. Cost of the program is \$7.50 per child and all materials are included. Pre-registration is required.

Several other adult classes are also offered each month, including cake decorating, framing and matting, and jewelry fabrication, to name a few. For a complete list of classes, visit the MWR Arts Center, Building 52008, Arizona Street.

For more information or to register, call Riki Tarquinio at 533-2015.

Free golf clinic at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course will offer a free golf clinic for beginners, 10 - 11 a.m., March 18.

The clinic is designed to teach the basic fundamentals of the swing and the game of golf. An orientation explaining how to use the facility and what programs

are available will also be covered.

Participants should wear tennis shoes and loose fitting clothing. Balls and the use of clubs will be provided at no charge.

MVGC is accessible to everyone via Wilcox Avenue off Buffalo Soldier Trail, without the need to enter the Fort's main gate.

For more information or to arrange a tee-time, call 533-7088.

Vendor applications available for 2006 Festival of the Southwest

The Recreation Services Division of MWR has announced that the 2006 Festival of the Southwest will be held April 7 - 9, at Veterans Memorial Park, Sierra Vista. The festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Private organizations, food, craft and other vendors are encouraged to take part in this money-making opportunity.

Applications can be picked up at Barnes Field House, and must be postmarked by March 27.

For more information regarding vendor applications, call Susan Keltner at 533-0351.

TMAC reduces price of lunch buffet

The Thunder Mountain Activity Center has reduced the cost of the all-you-can-eat lunch buffet to \$6.75. The buffet is served 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday - Friday.

Although a full salad bar is no longer included with the buffet, a garden salad bar is offered. In addition, the price includes soup, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

For more information, call 533-3802.

March special at MWR Rents

During March, MWR Rents offers the following special: rent the large, inflatable double slide for the reduced price of \$75 per day.

MWR Rents is located in Building 70914, at the corner of Irwin and Hunter Streets. For more information, call 533-6707.



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The Scout TimeOut

Boxing smoker punches way to Barnes

Story and photos by
Brandy Ruiz

Scout staff

"Let's get ready to rumble!"

Those were the words that began Fort Huachuca's second annual boxing smoker. The smoker, hosted by 111th Military Intelligence Brigade,

was held at Barnes Field House Saturday night. Sixteen boxers were featured in eight bouts of fighting.

The boxing smoker was considered an amateur event. Unlike the All Army boxing championship, however, these bouts were unsanctioned, which basically means there were no titles to be won.

"It was not an official boxing event ... it was more like an

intramural sporting event," explained Capt. Susan Galich, the officer in charge of the entire event.

All boxers participated in bouts consisting of three, one-and-a-half minute rounds. The bouts were judged by various leaders from across post, and those leaders were briefed by the referee prior to the matches.

Various groups were also on hand to help with refreshments and snacks. The family readiness groups of Company A, 309th Military Intelligence

Battalion and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade provided such foods as chili, nachos and jambalaya. The Sergeants Major Association provided bratwurst, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation provided sodas.

There were some civilians who participated in the evening's events, but most of the boxers were military. Ten of the 16 boxers were from Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, with nine of those be-

ing Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course students.

All boxers began training in mid-January and were coached by Andres and Tenishea Portela. It was these coaches who trained the athletes and then decided who would fight whom in the smoker.

Bloody noses and lots of screaming fans made the evening an enjoyable one for all who attended. Stay tuned, because the next smoker will be here before you know it!



1st Lt. Jeffery Nason (left), and 2nd Lt. Ryan Lewis participate in an unsanctioned bout.



(Above) Corner Coach Spc. Brian Simon, Company A, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, adjusts Calvin (Manny) Grant's mouth piece.



Lt. Col. Brian Clark, corner coach, gives 1st Lt. Jeffery Nason a pep talk.



Denita Dezelan (left) and 2nd Lt. Jessica Kingsley (right) throw punches in the amateur event.

Boxing smoker final results

2nd Lt. Jessica Kingsley vs. Denita Dezelan (draw)
2nd Lt. Jeremy Andrews vs. 2nd Lt. Virgilio Villacorta (W)
Lt. Bill Fusz vs. Walter Webb (W)
Manny Grant vs. 2nd Lt. Miguel Chavez (W)
2nd Lt. Llexandra Landreth (W) vs. Colette Beatty
2nd Lt. Ryan Lewis (W) vs. Lt. Jeffery Nason
Lt. Christopher Kessel vs. 2nd Lt. Andrew Furman (W)
Sgt. 1st Class Marc Davis vs. Capt. Justin Stoddard (W)

Ask The Dietician

Step up to nutrition, health

By CPT Jennifer L. Rodriguez
Registered Dietician

Eat right, exercise and stay healthy! How many times do you hear this advice and think, "That's easier said than done." March is National Nutrition Month and a perfect time to make healthy lifestyle changes. This year's theme is "Step Up to Nutrition & Health" and includes messages about balancing food and activity, making smart food choices from all of the food groups, getting the most from your calories, and guidelines for food safety. With the plethora of information out there, how can you know what is true and what is hype? Here are some general guidelines to help get you started towards good health and happy-

ness.

Be adventurous and expand your horizons. Eating the same foods day in and day out can not only get boring but can also limit your intake of certain nutrients, vitamins, and minerals. You know the saying, "variety is the spice of life." Make food choices based on flavor, texture, and color. Try a new food each week and keep your taste buds guessing.

Moderation is the key to healthy living. This is especially important when eating healthy. Too often we label foods "good" and "bad" and instead we should focus on the big picture of sensible eating. You can enjoy all your favorite foods, just be sure to eat smaller amounts of the "not so

healthy" choices. Choose foods that will provide more nutrition bang for your buck!

Balance helps the gymnast stay on the beam, keeps our bank statements in harmony and prevents our tires from bouncing. When it comes to food, balance ensures we meet all of our nutrient needs, helps us maintain a healthy weight, and improves our health. Balance the right number of calories with activity and you are headed in the right direction for improved health.

Being more active is as easy as taking the stairs or walking your dog. It's no secret the benefits exercise provides: improved heart health, stress reduction, weight management, and improved sleep

habits. Get started today by choosing an activity you enjoy and one that fits your lifestyle. Find a workout "buddy" to help you stay on track and make an appointment with yourself to exercise everyday. One of the best ways to challenge yourself is by strapping on a pedometer and watching those numbers climb. Aim for a minimum of 10,000 steps per day which is about 5 miles. This will help you get started towards a more active lifestyle with improved health.

Remember, small steps lead to big results. You can achieve optimal health with healthy eating and daily activity. Take the first step today; I know you can do it! For more information on National Nutrition Month, talk to a registered dietitian or visit the American Dietetic Association website at www.eatright.org.

Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



Countdown:
Sierra Vista turns 50
in 12 weeks

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Mergue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

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KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED - Will Team Win Army Crown?

Bulletin

The Raiders' Sixth Army title hopes took a sudden downgrade yesterday afternoon when Fort Lewis, Washington put on a strong second half drive to down the Raiders 94-76.

The Raiders played Letterman Hospital last night, but game results were not available at SCOUT press time.

With the first two days of tournament play by the boards, Fort Huachuca's Raiders may have been rated one of the top three teams in the Sixth Army basketball championships now underway at the Presidio of San Francisco.

As winners of the Southern Division title last week at Yuma, the Raiders had already entered the tournament with a "dark-horse" tag, but their masterful 77-29 victory over Oakland Army Base proved that the Raiders could go all the way.

The other two teams rating as tourney favorites are Fort Lewis, Washington, the defending champions; and powerful Presidio of San Francisco, the tournament host.

Playing at the same pace that brought them the Southern crown last week, the raiders completely overwhelmed the Oakland team in Monday's opening round of the double elimination tourney. The 77-29 win was by far the Raiders' greatest margin of victory this year.

Presidio, paced by former collegiate great Don Lofgren, defeated Fort Ord 90-84. Lewis won handily over Two Rock, California, 72-57, in the other first round game.

Both Lewis and the Raiders had Tuesday off and

"by the luck of the draw" squared off against each other yesterday afternoon. Win or lose, both Raiders and Fort Lewis faced a second game against different opponents last night.

Fire Ruins Gate Café – POST FIREMEN FIGHT BLAZE

A newly remodeled restaurant, not yet open for business, was destroyed in a \$35,000 fire in Fry early Monday morning.

The Gate Café, located just outside the Main Gate, was scheduled to open the same day. Mrs. Lena Darling, manager, discovered the blaze at 4 a.m. when she arrived to open the café for its first day of business at 6 a.m. Cause of the fire was traced to a short circuit in wiring between a switch box and meter on the west wall of the building.

Couldn't Control Fire

Sierra Vista Fire Department was unable to control the blaze after their trucks ran out of water - the town has no fire hydrant system - and a call for help was put in to the Post Fire Department.

"Chief Ruiz (Post Fire Chief A.C. Ruiz) and his men deserve a lot of credit for their work in controlling the fire," said Sierra Vista Fire Chief Harold Parks. The flames had started to spread next door to the Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, but the two fire departments were able to save that building.

Walls Still Stand

The concrete block walls of the Gate Café are still standing, but all the kitchen equipment and the interior were gutted. The damage was mostly covered by insurance.

Arizona Tourist Offroading

By Michael Collins

Scout staff

If exploring rutted byways while slowly twisting over rocks and boulders as your body is thrown about like a rag doll, then backroad adventures are for you. Best of all, you can experience them right here at home.

Arizona's wide open spaces and vast amount of public lands are ideal for backroad adventures. But like any wilderness adventure, there are some rules and precautions that you must know and adhere to.

Know the road conditions before you set off on your journey. Ensure your vehicle has high enough clearance for travel through ditches and over large rocks. Many backroad trail guides will provide travel times from one place to another and rate the difficulty of travel.

A good guide to pick up before you head out into the wilderness is the "Guide to Arizona Backroads & 4-Wheel Drive Trails," by Charles A. Wells. Local experts you may wish to consult with

first are the Cochise County Range Riders. These off-road enthusiasts are the local subject matter experts. Visit their Web page at <http://www.rangeridersnet.com>.

Backroad adventure on post presents its own set of challenges, yet the rewards make it worthwhile. Because this is a military post, there will not nearly as many people using the primitive roads compared to those outside the gate. The fort's mountainous switchbacks and narrow, rocky lanes also offer some of the most beautiful scenery in Southern Arizona. Encounters with wildlife are the norm, with antelope, deer, coyotes and the occasional bear lumbering alongside the roadway. Remember, however, the off-road travel is not permitted on Fort Huachuca.

The down-side to backroad travel is there are many areas where vehicles are prohibited and there are ranges that may be closed due to training exercises. If your vehicle gets stuck, it is also up to you to get it out which may be even more difficult in remote areas.

Traversing Arizona's back roads provides countless opportunities for close-up encounters with the many natural wonders this state offers.

The core value of responsible stewardship will ensure that these areas remain open for many generations to come. Following the advice on the "Before You Go" section below will ensure your trip will be a safe and fun one.

Rules For backroad Adventures on Post

- Drive only on existing roadways.
- Call Range Control at 533-7095 to find out if there's training in the area.
- When riding an ATV, dirt bike or in an open vehicle, always wear a helmet, eye protection, jacket or long-sleeved shirt, glove and boots.
- A small first aid kit is a must. Also, carry lots of water, a cell phone or two-way radio.
- Tell someone where you are going, when you expect to return, and avoid riding alone.
- For more information about the rules and regulations traveling the back roads on post, call 533-7659.

March is National Nutrition Month

By Kay Blakley

DeCA Home Economist

Are you saving both pounds and dollars by spending less time at the drive-through window and more time at the commissary checkout with plenty of high-quality and low-cost, high-nutrient and low-calorie, healthy foods for meals at home? Here's a chance to test your "healthy eating quotient."

To be considered healthy choices, fruits and vegetables have to be fresh. (True/False)

False: Fresh fruits and vegetables are super choices. However, the nutritional value of frozen, canned, and dried fruits and vegetables, however, are comparable to that of fresh, plus they offer the benefit of longer shelf life. When using canned fruits, limit added sugar by choosing those packed in natural juice or water. Limit added sodium by choosing canned vegetables labeled "no-added-salt."

I'd like to use fat-free milk, but my commissary doesn't carry it, so I use skim milk instead. (My choice, too/Huh?)

If you're a stateside commissary shopper, your response will undoubtedly be, "Huh?" But in some overseas commissaries, where fresh milk is produced locally,

the carton may simply say "skim milk." Skim milk and fat-free milk are interchangeable names for the same product – milk that contains zero percent to 0.5 percent butterfat. Check the side panel of the skim milk carton for "Maximum B.F. 0.5%."

Any dark-colored, dense-textured bread, especially those with lots of seeds and nuts, qualifies as whole-grain and high-fiber. (True/False)

False: Breads with names like "multigrain, stone-ground, 100-percent wheat, seven-grain, or bran," might sound like they are whole grain, but often they are not. The only way to tell if bread qualifies as "whole grain" is to read the ingredient label. Look for one of the first two ingredients listed to be referred to as "whole" wheat, rye, corn, or another grain. Check the Nutrition Facts panel for the amount of fiber per serving. Some grain products contain significant amounts of bran. Bran provides fiber, which is important for health. However, products with added bran or bran alone (oat bran for example) are not necessarily whole grain products.

Since there aren't any Nutrition Facts labels on fresh meats, who can tell what's fat and what's lean!

My husband is a "meat and potatoes" guy, so he just eats whatever he wants. (Good Idea/Bad Idea)

Bad Idea: Foods from the Meat and Beans Group provide nutrients that are vital to health and maintenance of your body. However, some choices are high in saturated fat and cholesterol, so the dietary guidelines recommend making most of your choices lean.

Remember the terms "round" and "loin" to determine the leanest meats. The leanest beef cuts, for example, include round steaks and roasts, top loin, top sirloin and even chuck shoulder and arm roasts. The leanest pork choices include pork loin, tenderloin, center loin and ham. Ground beef labeled 90 percent lean is "extra lean." Boneless, skinless chicken breasts and turkey cutlets are the leanest poultry choices.

This healthy diet stuff sure is dull and boring. It seems like too many of my favorite foods are bad choices! (True/False)

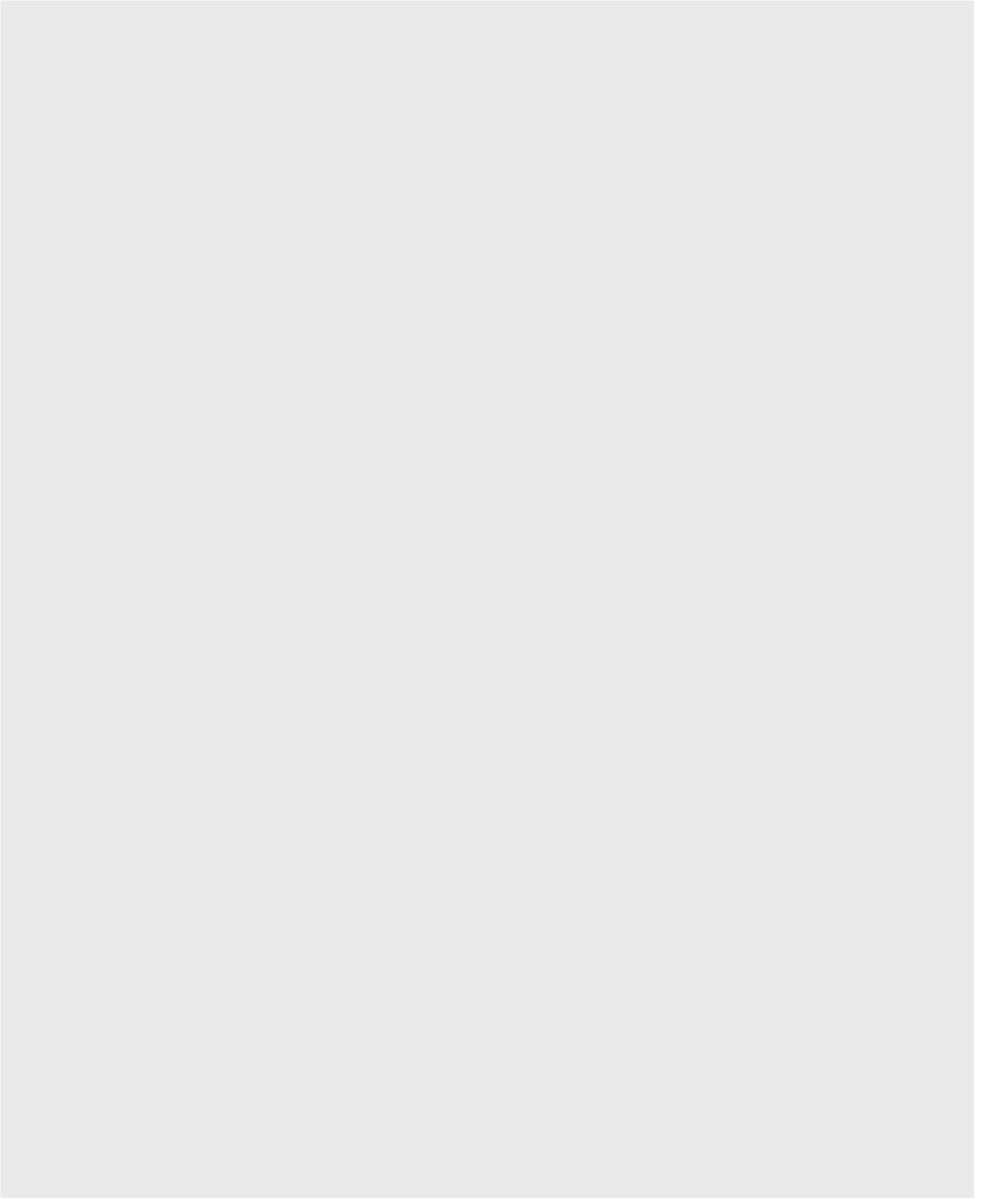
False: It's never a good idea to adopt a "good food-bad food" attitude, since nearly all foods can be part of a healthy diet. First, visit <http://www.mypyramid.gov> to learn the number of calories that's right for you each day. That number

depends on your age, sex, activity level, and whether you are trying to gain, maintain or lose weight. Choose the most nutritionally rich foods you can from each food group each day, those packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients, but lower in calories. You can work in a few of high-calorie favorites, in moderate amounts on an occasional basis, while still staying within your calorie limits.

How did you score? If you got four to five correct answers, your healthy eating quotient is in the genius category! Two to three correct answers? You're learning. Just keep taking small steps to "A Healthier You." If you scored one correct answer or less, meet me at the commissary. You might need some individual attention.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure

shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four.



Golfers – Scramble at FHCSC

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club will host a golf scramble Saturday. It will be a four-man event with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at the Mountain View Golf Course here.

The event is open to the public. Registration is \$50 per person. Golfers may register at the Mountain View Golf Course, or contact Beth Ritchey at 439-4402 or ritcheyb@aol.com.

Children's book drive

The Sierra Vista Optimist Club is kicking off "A Book of My Own," their children's book drive. The club seeks to provide books to elementary school readers to help them appreciate reading and to improve their reading skills. Collection is now through April. Drop-off points are Cochise College Library, the Landmark Café, Borgstadt Chiropractic and Buzz Breads. For more information, contact Ray Ricco at 459-5502 or Donne Puckle at 458-4122.

Master Gardener training

Those who enjoy or have a passion for gardening are invited to become certified Master Gardeners. MGs are trained local residents who volunteer to with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. Gardeners assist the Cooperative Extension agent with projects; help plan and volunteer at the annual Master Gardeners Conference; answer phones and peoples' garden-related questions at the Cooperative Extension office; participate in gardening projects at the schools, and more.

A new MG training session is about to begin. Classes meet each Wednesday for 14 weeks beginning Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Arizona South in Sierra Vista.

Sessions cover basic botany, soil science, entomology, pesticide use, landscape design, plant pathology and more. Graduates are obligated to complete 50 hours of approved volunteer service to the Cooperative Extension

which provides research-based information on home horticulture to the public.

The cost for the classes is \$120 and includes the Master Gardener manual and shirt.

Classes are taught by Robert E. Call, Cochise County Horticulture Agent, with guest speakers from the University of Arizona in Tucson.

To register or for more information, call the Cooperative Extension office at 458-8278, extension 2141.

Free puppetry workshop planned

The Army Community Service "Kids on the Block" program will offer a free puppetry workshop 10 - 11:30 a.m., and again, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Monday.

The class teaches a Japanese form of Banraku Puppet Theater. For more information, call Mary Lamphere at 533-3883 or ACS at 533-2330.

Fort Huachuca welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service welcomes newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. The Huachuca Welcome newcomer's orientations are scheduled for 9 a.m., Wednesday, and at 9 a.m., March 24 at Murr Community Center.

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

Cowboys in Concert

A classic cowboy music and cowboy poetry concert takes place Saturday at 7 p.m. at the St. David High School Gym, Highway 80, St. David, Ariz.

The "Desert Sons" are a popular classic western band, featuring fiddler, guitarists, bass, and vocals who present traditional and contemporary music of the American West.

Rolf Flake is well known for his humorous mostly-true-to-life, Arizona cowboy poetry.

Tickets are available at Spur Western Wear in Sierra Vista, Tombstone, Benson, and Tucson Mall, St. David

School Office and Water Office and Willcox Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are also available at the door. Admission is \$15, Heritage Society members \$10, youth 12 and under free.

Call Judith for information at 520-720-4407.

VIP Reception which includes concert with special seating, CD or tape, homemade pie, and meet-the-author opportunity takes place at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Donation is \$50 or \$40 for members.

U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus

The U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus from Washington D.C. will perform March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Buena High School Performing Arts Center, Sierra Vista. The performance is free and open to the public, but free admission tickets are required.

For ticket information, contact Phil Vega, sponsor, at the Sierra Vista Herald at 458-9440.

Huachuca City arts, crafts festival

The Huachuca City Parks & Recreation Board will sponsor an arts and crafts show with food and daylong entertainment on March 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the city park, at the corner of Gila and School Streets, behind the police and fire departments. There is no admission.

In addition to arts and crafts, there will be daylong entertainment and food booths. The Huachuca City Color Guard will post the colors to background sounds of patriotic music. A desert swing band, a Scottish bagpiper, banjo and guitar players, and a singer will round out the musical fare. There will be line dance and clogging demonstrations, a performance by members of Limelight Productions, Inc, and performance by the Ohana Holookoa Dancers.

Dine on a variety of food offered for sale at one of the food vendors. There are picnic tables at which to dine and a play area for the children.

For more information, call 456-8938.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

AFFES

Today -7 p.m.

Hostel
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Friday

Glory Road
PG

Saturday -7 p.m.

Tristan and Isolde
PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.

Glory Road
PG

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



Pets Of The Week



Tippy is a pretty 10-month-old female black and white border/lab mix. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.



Larry is an 8-week-old male tabby kitten. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forhuachuca.petfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

Robotics Competition

Steve Forbes, Dan Pressler and his father assemble Buena High School's submission for the U.S. Robotics Competition. Fort Huachuca's Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate assisted the club by providing shop space and technical advice. The Robotics competition encourages innovations in science and technology among high-school age students as well as developing the nation's future engineers.

Photo by Michael Collins



It's scholarship time here

It's that time of year again. It's time to start planning for tuition and expenses for the fall semester of college.

Whether one is a soon-to-be high school grad or a continuing education student, Army installations offer a wide array of scholarships specific to Soldiers and their families.

The Army and Air Force Exchange service generally offers annual scholarships to military dependents, as does the commissary. Army Community Service and the post education center may be another place to begin looking.

Below is a list of scholarships available here. Remember, though, this is only a small list and does not contain all the monies which may be available.

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	DEADLINE	POC
Thrift Shop	\$1000	high school seniors	March 30	458-4606
Military Intelligence Corps Association	scholarship amount varies based on number of applications received	MI Soldier or a family member; must be working on 1 st undergraduate degree	May 15	533-1174
Army Emergency Relief	need-based	spouses and widows of active-duty Soldiers	May 22	533-5972
FHCSC	several scholarships available	high school seniors and spouses	March 17	417-0220

